

Forum on Ethnic Groups from the Middle East and North Africa
May 29, 2015
Census Bureau Conference Center
4600 Silver Hill Road, Suitland, MD 20746
Conference Rooms 3 and 4

8:00 AM – 8:30 AM	Bus from the Hotel to the Census Bureau
8:30 AM – 9:00 AM	Check-in and Coffee/Tea
9:00 AM – 9:10 AM	Welcome and Introductions Roberto Ramirez, Assistant Division Chief, Special Population Statistics
9:10 AM – 9:20 AM	Opening Remarks Karen Humes, Division Chief, Population Division
9:20 AM – 9:30 AM	Brief History of the Support for the Middle Eastern or North African Category Helen Samhan, Arab American Institute
9:30 AM – 10:45 AM	Session A: Testing a Middle Eastern or North African Category on the 2015 National Content Test Nicholas Jones, Director of Race and Ethnic Research and Outreach, Population Division A brief overview of plans for the upcoming 2015 National Content Test followed by a question and answer session.
10:45 AM – 11:00 AM	Session B: The Term “Middle Eastern or North African” Nicholas Jones, Director of Race and Ethnic Research and Outreach, Population Division Expert discussion.
11:00 AM – 11:15 AM	Break
11:15 AM – 12:30 PM	Session C: Census Bureau’s Working Classification of Middle Eastern or North African for the 2015 National Content Test Roberto Ramirez, Assistant Division Chief, Special Population Statistics Presentation of the development of the Census Bureau’s Working Classification of MENA followed by expert discussion.
12:30 PM – 1:00 PM	Lunch on Your Own
1:00 PM – 2:30 PM	Session C, continued: Discussion: Feedback on The Census Bureau’s Working Classification of Middle Eastern or North African for the 2015 National Content Test Roberto Ramirez, Assistant Division Chief, Special Population Statistics Continuation of expert discussion.
2:30 PM – 2:45 PM	Break

2:45 PM – 3:30 PM

Session D: Potential Data Products Featuring Middle Eastern and North African Data

Merarys Rios, Ethnicity and Ancestry Branch, Population Division
Potential approaches to tabulating Middle Eastern and North African data in the 2020 Census.

3:30 PM – 3:40 PM

Census Bureau Director's Remarks

John H. Thompson, Director

3:40 PM – 4:00 pm

Session E: Wrap-Up and Next Steps

Roberto Ramirez, Assistant Division Chief, Special Population Statistics

4:00 PM

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4:15PM – 4:45 PM

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